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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8916

INFO AMCONSUL BRISBANE

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UNCLAS CANBERRA 6576

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: ETRD, AS

SUBJ: REFERENCE TO IAC ON COMMERICAL VEHICLES, PARTS AND  
ACCESSORIES

REF: A. CANBERRA 4664, B. STATE 172826 (NOTAL),  
C. STATE 185399 (NOTAL), D. CANBERRA 5489 (NOTAL)

1. MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 7  
THAT DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO REFER QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE  
FOR LOCAL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INDUSTRY TO INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE  
COMMISSION (IAC) NOT TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY. THE IAC  
HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PRESENT AN INTERIM REPORT BY NOVEMBER 30,  
1976 ON WHETHER ASSISTANCE PRESENTLY GIVEN THIS INDUSTRY SHOULD  
BE VARIED PENDING THE IAC REPORT ON LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE.

2. GOODS COVERED BY THE REFERENCE ARE AS FOLLOWS: (A)  
VEHICLES (OTHER THAN VEHICLES HAVING AGROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT  
RATING OF LESS THAN 2.72 METRIC TONS) OF A KIND FALLING  
WITHIN ITEM 87.01.1, 87.02.3, OR 87.03 IN THE AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS  
TARIFF SCHEDULE;  
(B) TRAILERS OF A KIND FALLING WITHIN 87.14.11 OR 87.14.19,  
FOR USE WITH PRIME MOVERS OF A KIND FALLING WITHIN 87.01.1;  
(C) CHASSIS, BODIES, ENGINES AND OTHER PARTS AND ACCESSORIES  
FALLING WITHIN 84.06.3, 84.63.2, 87.04.9, 87.05.9, 87.06.9  
OR 87.14.29.

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TRADE STATISTICS ARE TOO EXTENSIVE TO INCLUDE IN TELEGRAM.  
EMBASSY WILL COMPILE THESE AND FORWARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. IN THE PRESS STATEMENT ANNOUNCING THE GOVERNMENT'S  
DECISION, THE MINISTER SAID THAT ALTHOUGH ANUMBER OF  
APPLICATIONS REQUESTING ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE  
AGAINST IMPORTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED, "ANALYSIS OF THESE  
APPLICATIONS MADE IT APPARENT THAT STRUCTURAL CHANGES  
WERE OCCURING WITHIN THE INDUSTRY WHICH WARRANTED  
DETAILED EXAMINATION". GOA HAD THEREFORE DECIDED TO  
REFER THE ENTIRE INDUSTRY TO THE IAC FOR INVESTIGATION  
AND REPORT AND TO HAVE THE IAC BRING FORWARD A INTERIM  
REPORT ON WHETHER TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL PROTECTION WAS  
WARRANTED PENDING COMPLETION OF THE IAC'S INQUIRY.

4. PROJECT OFFICER AT IAC HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT NO  
DETAILS ARE YET AVAILABLE ON WHERE AND WHEN PUBLIC  
HEARINGS WILL BE HELD. EMBASSY REPORT FURTHER AS  
SOON AS THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE. HARGROVE

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